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The Academy Awards are next week, and we've got some thoughts on Leo, #OscarsSoWhite and 'Mad Max.' 20

Leonardo DiCaprio, nominated for "The Revenant," is surrounded by, clockwise from top left, "Brooklyn"'s Saoirse Ronan, Sylvester Stallone and Michael B. Jordan from "Creed," "Room"'s Brie Larson and Hugh Keays-Byrne, villain of "Mad Max: Fury Road." GETTY IMAGES, WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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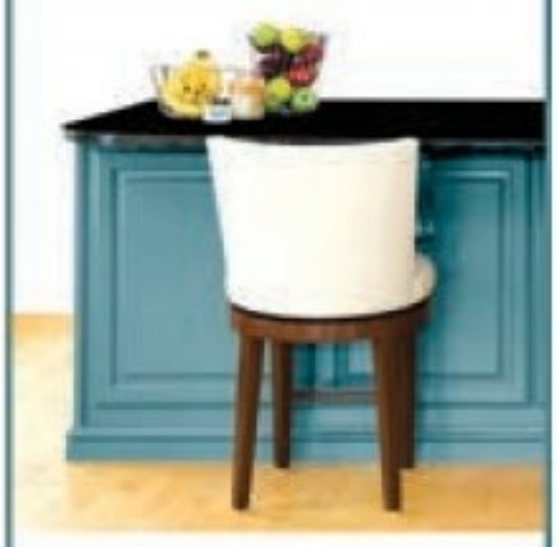

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1 President Barack Obama announced a historic visit to Cuba next month, speeding up the thaw in relations between the two Cold War former foes but igniting opposition from Republicans at home. In the first U.S. presidential trip to the Caribbean nation in nearly 90 years, Obama will meet with Cuban President Raul Castro, entrepreneurs and "Cubans from different walks of life" during the trip on March 21 and 22, the White House said. REUTERS

HOSPITAL PAID HACKERS

2 The president of Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center said on Wednesday that his hospital paid hackers a ransom of $17,000 in bitcoins to regain control of their computer systems after a cyber attack. Allen Stefanek said in a statement that paying the ransom was the "quickest and most efficient way" of regaining access to the affected systems, which were crippled on Feb. 5 and interfered with hospital staff's ability to communicate electronically. REUTERS

SERIAL STOWAWAY ARREST

3 A woman who is barred from airports around the country due to multiple attempts to sneak past security checkpoints and board flights without a ticket will appear in court on trespassing charges on Thursday after being arrested at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. Marilyn Hartman, 64, is charged with a misdemeanor count of criminal trespass on public property. REUTERS

CHAMPION IN ATTENDANCE

7 Brandon McManus, kicker for the Denver Broncos and Temple alum, waves during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game between Temple and Villanova at the Liacouras Center.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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MURDER CHARGES UPHELD

4 The woman who was found dead on the side of a Pennsylvania road on Valentine's Day has been identified by police as a woman from Philadelphia, Philly.com reported. Investigators believe the woman, whose body was found with no obvious signs of trauma on the remote Plainfield Road in Ferguson Township, is 35-year-old Corinne Pena. An autopsy failed to reveal a cause of death so toxicology tests were ordered, the results of which won't be available for some time, according to PhillyVoice. MATT LEE

METHANE LEAK CAPPED

5 An underground natural gas pipeline rupture that caused the largest methane leak ever in California has been permanently capped, paving the way for thousands of displaced Los Angeles residents to return home, state regulators said. Officials confirmed that the subterranean pipeline breach at the Aliso Canyon gas storage field owned by Southern California Gas Co. was successfully sealed after a series of independent laboratory tests, Jason Marshall, chief deputy director of the California Department of Conservation, told reporters. REUTERS

CALIF. HIGH-SPEED RAIL

6 California's ambitious plan for high-speed rail service will become reality within a decade with service between the state's agricultural Central Valley and high-tech Silicon Valley, state officials announced on Thursday. In an updated draft plan for the rail line that will whisk passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco in under three hours by 2029, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) revised downward the cost of the entire line, to $64.1 billion from nearly $68 billion. REUTERS

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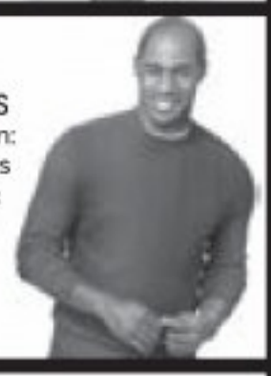

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Fifteen people were injured after an accident in Center City involving a school bus, taxi, SUV and SEPTA bus, some of which plowed into the glass windows of the TD Bank office at 15th Street and JFK Boulevard. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

School bus crashes into Philly bank

No children were aboard the bus when the accident happened.

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A Center City corner was a mess of shattered glass after a school bus jumped a curb and set off a crash that involved several vehicles Thursday afternoon.

No children were aboard the bus when it hit a taxi and what appeared to be an Uber Black car outside the TD Bank at 15th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard just after 1 p.m. The impact of the wreck knocked off the taxi's bumper, plowed down the corner traffic light and left the bank's glass facade a gaping hole.

Bystanders and onlookers were still snapping pictures of the wreckage with their iPhones by late afternoon as police tried to clear the scene.

No injuries were reported from inside the bank and traffic was rerouted around JFK Boulevard for the remainder of the day. TD Bank employees were sent home.

Miresh Kundhi operates the street-side magazine kiosk at the corner of 15th and JFK. He said he was serving a customer lottery tickets when he saw the School District of Philadelphia bus barreling towards the TD Bank.

"I was taking a customer and I heard a big noise, so I was looking out for my customer, he was trying to get away from this thing. I came out [of the kiosk] and the school bus was pushing the car right into the bank," Kundhi said.

"They're saying it was the school bus," said Gregory F. Robinson Sr., another eyewitness to the crash.

A spokeswoman from nearby Thomas Jefferson University Hospital said that 14 people were admitted to the hospital sometime after 1 p.m. with minor injuries. By 2 p.m., one patient was treated and released.

Judith Schmidt, the vice president of corporate media relations for TD Bank, released the following statement on behalf of the bank:

"We are thankful no one was seriously injured in this accident – the safety of our customers and employees is our number one concern. In light of the accident our store at 15th and JFK will remain closed the rest of the day. We refer you to the authorities with any further questions."

Fernando Gallard, a spokesman for the School District of Philadelphia, said that the bus had been coming back from dropping off students and was empty at the time of the crash, save for the driver, who was transported to Hahnemann University Hospital for observation. He had no further details as of late Thursday.

Philadelphia Police are still sorting out the details of exactly what happened. They did not immediately returns calls seeking comment.

Jason Nuckolls contributed to this report.

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BRIEF

Okafor fined for going 108 mph over Philly bridge
Sixers rookie Jahlil Okafor was ordered Thursday to pay $439 for zooming over the Ben Franklin Bridge, but won't do any community service.

Okafor was pulled over in New Jersey after flying over the bridge at 108 mph in a white Mercedes-Maybach in October.

The speed limit on the bridge is 45 mph.

A Camden judge approved the plea deal letting Okafor plead guilty to operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner instead of reckless driving charges and skate away with just a fine, over objections from the Camden law department on Thursday, the Inquirer reported.

Okafor GETTY IMAGES

Okafor had a security guard assigned to follow him wherever he goes after news of his hot wheels broke and video surfaced of him brawling on the streets of Boston outside a bar.

Okafor tweeted in November after news of him speeding over the bridge broke: "I hold myself to a higher standard than anyone else ever could and I'm not proud of some of my decisions over the last few months. ... I own my choices both personally and now publicly. At this point I am cooperating and respecting the process I have to go through."

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Kanye's blue period? PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Philadelphia police make job offer to Kanye West

The joking post does have a serious message.

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The Philadelphia Police Department extended a job offer via Facebook to Kanye West in an effort to help the artist overcome his recently reported debt.

West's Twitter rant this week about his $53 million debt attracted a response from Philadelphia police, who altered a photo to give West the appearance of an officer in a post meant to entice him into a position with the department, Fox reported.

The humorous side of the Philadelphia Police Department has been on display recently as they also used an image of Drake to remind residents that the #NoSavesies policy would be in effect during the recent blizzard, according to NBC.

The post does have a serious message, though, as it was quoted by NBC: "Even if you're not Kanye, please consider a career as a Philly Police Officer. You could earn a great living, receive a fantastic benefits package for you and your family and make a true difference in your community."

West has not responded to the department's offer, Fox added.

BRIEF

Man shot and killed leaving car in West Philly
A 31-year-old man was ambushed and killed from multiple gunshots while leaving his car in West Philadelphia late Wednesday night, ABC Philly reported.

The incident happened near 52nd and Pine streets around 11 p.m. Wednesday, and investigators said the man was shot at point-blank range.

"The victim exited the driver door, and when he walked onto the curb, the shooter walked up within feet and fired at least six shots," Chief Inspector Scott Small told CBS Philly.

When police arrived, they found the man with multiple severe wounds. He was taken to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center where we was later pronounced dead.

So far investigators have found no motive behind the murder. The identity of the victim has not been released, and investigators are still looking for a suspect.

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One month later, Muslim man attacked in Philly awaits justice

Amine Aouam CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Amine Aouam was attacked in what he and a friend claim was an anti-Muslim hate crime, but law enforcement has not been able to ID his attackers.

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Imagine if you got knocked out cold and sustained a concussion on a busy night in Center City.

Now imagine that four weeks later, the people responsible still haven't been caught.

Moroccan immigrant Amine Aouam claims he's in that frustrating situation. The 34-year-old said he is still suffering headaches from a sucker punch last month at Broad and Sansom streets that left him with a concussion and hefty hospital bills.

"I need justice," Aouam, who believes he was the victim of a hate crime, told Metro. "It's up to the police."

However, police said they found no surveillance video of the attack on Aouam, which allegedly occurred just after midnight on Jan. 16 as he and a friend were walking back from a bar.

As Aouam described the incident, it all started when he and his friend began speaking Arabic. Their conversation caught the attention of a nearby group of men and women, Aouam said.

> *"They need some more evidence to make it as a hate crime. Let's say it's not a hate crime. I see no progress on the case, zero progress on the case."*
>
> Aouam

Aouam said that when he noticed one of the women staring at him and his friend, he said, "Good evening," to her in Arabic, and was then confronted by male members of the group. He said the last thing he remembered was apologizing and explaining himself.

His friend Youssef Amarouch said he saw Aouam sucker-punched from behind and get knocked out cold when his head hit the pavement. He was treated at Jefferson University Hospital.

But nearby surveillance cameras for blocks around did not catch the attack or suspects, said Lt. Patrick Dougherty of the police department's Central Detectives Division.

"I was shocked that we didn't get video on this," Dougherty said. "There's cameras right there, but it didn't pick it up."

Dougherty said the investigation is ongoing, but cautioned that it may not technically be a hate crime.

"I don't believe it was a hate crime because I think both parties involved were drunk. I think if anyone said something to that girl, that guy would have punched him," Dougherty said. "That doesn't give somebody the right to hit somebody. ... He didn't deserve to get hit like that."

But Aouam and Amarouch both told Metro it was the language they were speaking that precipitated the attack.

In the meantime, Aouam said he has reached to Muslim and Arab advocacy groups for support, and is attempting to get victims compensation to help cover his still-mounting medical bills.

"They want me to catch the guy and bring him to them and then they're going to make some progress," he said. "If it was me that was a criminal, they would find me right away."

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Ringling Bros. elephants to retire

The circus is in town, and its legendary Asian elephants are saying goodbye.

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Ringling Bros. Circus with four of its famous elephants at the Wells Fargo Center in Philly. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus act brings its lovable and legendary elephants to Philadelphia for a grand finale this weekend.

It's no secret the Asian elephants are getting up in years, and the trainers and handlers of the gentle beasts are beginning to steer them toward retirement.

Johnathan Lee Iverson, ringmaster for Ringling Bros. — and the first African-American ringmaster of any major U.S. circus — said this weekend's performance, "Legends," at the Wells Fargo Center, will be the last for 11 elephants before they move to their permanent home at Ringling Bros. Center for Elephant Conservation in Polk City, Florida.

"They're an American icon. They are as familiar as Uncle Sam," said Iverson.

Iverson called the removal of the elephants the biggest change Ringling Bros. has made in the company's 146-year history.

"They're irreplaceable," he said.

Iverson described the two-decade-old elephant conservation center as a 200-acre facility equipped with some of the top animal scientists and veterinarians on the planet. They'll be caring for the creatures 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he said.

Ringling Bros. has the oldest Asian elephant in the Western Hemisphere, at age 70. She's at the center already.

The oldest four-legged performer in Philly is Karen, a 40-year old Asian elephant.

On Wednesday, Ringling Bros. visited and made a $10,000 donation to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in an effort to support local pediatric patients.

The circus is trying to raise awareness of the national cancer research being conducted by a doctor in Utah who is studying DNA from Ringling Bros. elephants and comparing it with DNA from his own patients with cancer.

Iverson said scientists are studying why there is such a low incidence of cancer in elephants, what makes this cancer resistance possible in elephants and not in humans, and how it might correlate to new treatments for pediatric cancers.

He said between the 300 or so performers, crew members, staff, management and animals — they're hard to miss in any town.

"This ties into our mission of giving these kids some normalization — to get to be kids and get to have fun and see some things they might not normally see," said Kris Schrader, manager of patient media and entertainment programming at CHOP.

> *"I remind people we still have the world's greatest menagerie. It's just a lot lighter now.*
> Iverson

After this weekend's show in Philly, Ringling Bros. heads to Brooklyn, then onto Providence, Rhode Island, in May, before they go home to retirement.

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NO GOOD REASON FOR SENATE TO APPROVE ANY OBAMA SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

What I am about to say won't make Democrats happy, may irritate independents, and even annoy a few Republicans. But as a matter of practical politics there is no good reason for the Senate to approve anyone Barack Obama nominates for the Supreme Court.

Before you start egging my house and insulting my mother, let me admit a few things. First, in a cosmic, Constitutional, playing-by-the-rules sense — there are plenty of reasons this Republican-dominated chamber should give a prompt and fair hearing to the president's pick. After all, he's just doing his job. Second, with so much critical work in the Court's lap, one can argue no chair should be empty long. And third, there really is no legal, formal, official precedent to disregard "lame duck" nominations.

But there are political realities. If Republicans agree to consider a candidate from this president, at best they might get a moderate — trust me, he's not going to choose a conservative. And if they approve that nominee, they would give the Dems another "win" in the headlines. Considering that every GOP candidate is running against the Obama record, that would be like conceding an extra point in the Super Bowl.

But what if the Democrats win the White House again and the new president nominates a sharply liberal person? If the GOP holds onto the Senate, the party could block nominee after nominee until the administration is forced to compromise. And if the GOP wins the White House, they'll have a new conservative justice picked, approved and robed before the Obamas can fly back to Chicago.

If you think public opinion will force the GOP to bend, the polls show a pretty even split on this matter, and remember much of the outrage over the potential blockade of the president's choice is among people who are not going to vote Republican anyway. And if the GOP gives in, it will face fury from its own followers.

And do you think a Democratic-controlled Senate would let a Republican president with 11 months left push a conservative justice? In this poisonously partisan environment, the Democratic base would howl. And yes, I know all about Reagan's nomination of Anthony Kennedy — but that nomination came 14 months ahead of Reagan leaving, and in a hugely different time.

I'm not judging whether such a move by the GOP is right or wrong; I'm just saying they have the power to making a sitting president from the opposing party look powerless on this issue — and I'm betting they will.

Zika crisis pressures Vatican to soften contraception stance

On the frontline of Brazil's fight against Zika, Vandson Holanda sends Roman Catholic volunteers into the poorest areas of this city, showing residents how to protect themselves against mosquitoes that carry the virus linked to birth defects.

Get rid of trash where water accumulates and allows the mosquitoes to lay eggs. Wear plenty of repellant and clothing that covers arms and legs. Close shower drains so the insects cannot find pooled water inside your home.

But there are no lessons offered on methods to avoid getting pregnant, which Brazilian officials and international public health experts have urged women to do until the Zika epidemic is under control.

A woman holds a leaflet with information on the Aedes aegypti mosquito GETTY IMAGES

The crisis is putting pressure on Church doctrine that bans all forms of contraception, and has even stoked a debate over abortion in many conservative Latin American nations.

"I think, and this is my personal opinion, that the Church will have to re-think its position on contraception urgently as a result of Zika," said Holanda, coordinator of the Church's health committee in four northeastern states at the center of the epidemic.

"The current view is not realistic."

On Thursday, Pope Francis appeared to suggest the Church could soften its ban on contraception for women as they face the Zika crisis.

"Avoiding pregnancy is not an absolute evil" Francis told reporters on the papal plane as it returned to Rome following his tour of Mexico. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Fed's next move much more likely a rate hike than a cut

The Federal Reserve's next policy move is much more likely to be a rate hike than a rate cut, although over the next two years a return to zero rates is a rising possibility, according to a New York Fed survey of primary dealers published Thursday.

The regular survey, done last month before the Fed's Jan. 27 decision to keep interest rates on hold, found that primary dealers see about a 75 percent chance that the Fed's next policy move will be to increase that rate, with just over half expecting that rate hike to take place at the Fed's March meeting.

The 22 primary dealers, or those who do direct trading with the Fed, saw about an 8 percent chance the Fed's next move would be a rate cut and put the chances of no rate move at all in 2016 at about 17 percent.

But in a sign of growing worries over a possible recession, respondents pegged the chances of a return to zero rates in the next two years at about one in four, the highest since the Fed began asking the question in September 2014.

The survey took place as mounting fears of an economic downturn sparked a global stock-market selloff and prompted the Fed to put off any further rate hikes.

Economists polled separately by Reuters now see two rate hikes likely this year; traders of interest-rate futures are betting against even one.

The survey showed economists at the primary dealers assigned a 14 percent chance of the U.S. falling into recession in the next six months, the highest probability since 2013. REUTERS

Apple GETTY IMAGES

Lawmaker suggests openness to legislation

It is difficult to gauge the Apple case's impact on Congress, as both the Senate and House of Representatives are on recess this week.

A senior U.S. lawmaker expressed a new willingness to support legislation establishing rules for when technology firms should grant authorities access to their products, after Apple said it would fight a court order to unlock an iPhone linked to the San Bernardino shooting rampage.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the House Intelligence Committee's top Democrat, said in a statement Wednesday the "complex issues" raised by the Apple case, as well as the prevalence of strongly encrypted devices and communications, "will ultimately need to be resolved by Congress, the administration and industry, rather than the courts alone."

Two weeks ago, Schiff told reporters he considered a legislative approach to the issue neither "feasible or even desirable."

On Tuesday, a federal judge in Los Angeles said Apple must provide "reasonable technical assistance" to investigators seeking to unlock the data on an iPhone that had been used by San Bernardino shooter Rizwan Farook, who, with his wife, killed 14 people on Dec. 2.

Apple said it would fight the court order, which it said would set a dangerous precedent that could ultimately undermine the security of its iPhones.

While lawmakers are far from a consensus on the issue, Schiff said, "the court's decision will likely accelerate our consideration of how to weigh the competing privacy, security and competitiveness issues."

Schiff's pivot could signal renewed interest from lawmakers in an encryption debate that so far has found little traction in Congress.

Sens. Richard Burr and Dianne Feinstein, the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate intelligence panel respectively, have said they want to pursue encryption legislation, though neither has introduced a bill.

Momentum for a law that would require companies to provide government access to the contents of encrypted devices relevant to a criminal investigation faltered last summer when the White House stopped pushing for a bill amid intense opposition from technology companies and privacy advocates. REUTERS

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SCALIA WAS CRUEL, BUT WE SHOULDN'T BE

THE ERNEST OPINION

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The death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia last week drew mixed reactions all over social media.

For liberals, it meant the end of an extreme conservative force on the Supreme Court. To conservatives, it meant one fewer warrior for their cause.

As an openly gay black Ivy League grad, I regarded Scalia as the enemy. He wasn't fond of my ability to love my partner through marriage.

The first Italian-American Supreme Court justice even recently suggested that blacks don't belong in elite universities, which was beyond preposterous.

While some in the media have tried to whitewash his oppressive attitudes — labeling him a "Conservative Lion" — I'm not too concerned about that.

What disappoints me the most is how those who have risen — despite Scalia's cruel judicial attempts to suppress them — can't move past the pettiness.

"Ding dong, the witch is dead," one person posted on my Facebook timeline.

"Scalia can finally rot in hell where he belongs," another wrote.

All the while, I just couldn't seem to find it in my heart to spew such hatred, because I didn't think it could make matters better.

Respect for the dead is a sacred value that was instilled in me when I was a child.

Regardless of how we may individually feel about Scalia, he was a lawful man who had a family.

It reminds me of seeing the racist tweets when former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond died. I was disgusted.

In this case, what makes us any different from our aggressors when we choose to celebrate the death of people who don't share our politics?

How do we foster a community of progressive resilience when we take advantage of the low-hanging fruit of malice?

What gains do we make when we fall into the trap of having double standards for cruelty?

Progressives shouldn't find victory in the absence of an adversary, but in the vindication of their allies.

It's about winning the war, not the battle. And you can be victorious with grace.

BRIEF

Ohio tests 10,000 rape kits to clear backlogs, hundreds indicted

An effort Ohio launched about five years ago to manage its backlog of rape kits has resulted in more than 10,000 tests to recover physical evidence and led to at least 445 indictments, the state Attorney General's office said on Thursday.

"This is a tremendous milestone," Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said. "The testing of these 10,000 kits has helped identify hundreds of alleged assailants, many of whom repeatedly committed violent attacks."

Ohio began its program ahead of a White House initiative launched in 2015 to spend $41 million to accelerate testing nationwide of an estimated 400,000 rape kits that have been back logged in law enforcement storage rooms and crime labs.

In September 2015, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said his office awarded $38 million in grants toward the initiative.

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Soldier to receive first US penis transplant

A soldier wounded in an explosion will be the first person in the United States to receive a penis transplant, doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital said, which could open the way for about 60 other servicemen with genital injuries to have this surgery.

Surgeons hope a donated organ from a recently deceased man will provide full function including urination, sensation and sex. The surgery requires joining nerves and blood vessels under a microscope.

Doctors and advocates who work with wounded soldiers note that the loss of the penis is one of the most emotionally traumatic injuries because it affects a sense of identity and manhood, especially for men hoping to become fathers.

The recipient, who was not identified, lost most of his penis and had substantial groin injuries in a bomb explosion while deployed overseas. Media reports have said he was wounded in Afghanistan.

The first penis transplant was in South Africa in 2014. GETTY IMAGES

The surgery could occur in the coming weeks. Doctors are looking for a donor who is a good match in terms of age and skin color. The donor's family will need to give permission for the penis to be removed.

Thor Wold, who served as a Marine medic in the Iraq war and now works as a veteran advocate, said that after suffering genital injuries servicemen immediately wanted to know if they would still have sexual function.

"They would ask, 'Is everything OK down there, doc? My wife's at home and we're trying to have a baby when I get back,'" Wold told Reuters.

Plastic surgeon Richard Redett said a veteran suffering from a blast injury could need to have not just his penis replaced but also the scrotum, part of the abdominal wall, groin tissue and part of the inner thigh.

"We've sorted out how to take that block of tissue from a donor and give it to a recipient," he said.

The penis transplant does not involve the testes, where sperm are produced, so if a man with a transplanted penis does father a child, the baby would be his genetic offspring, not the donor's.

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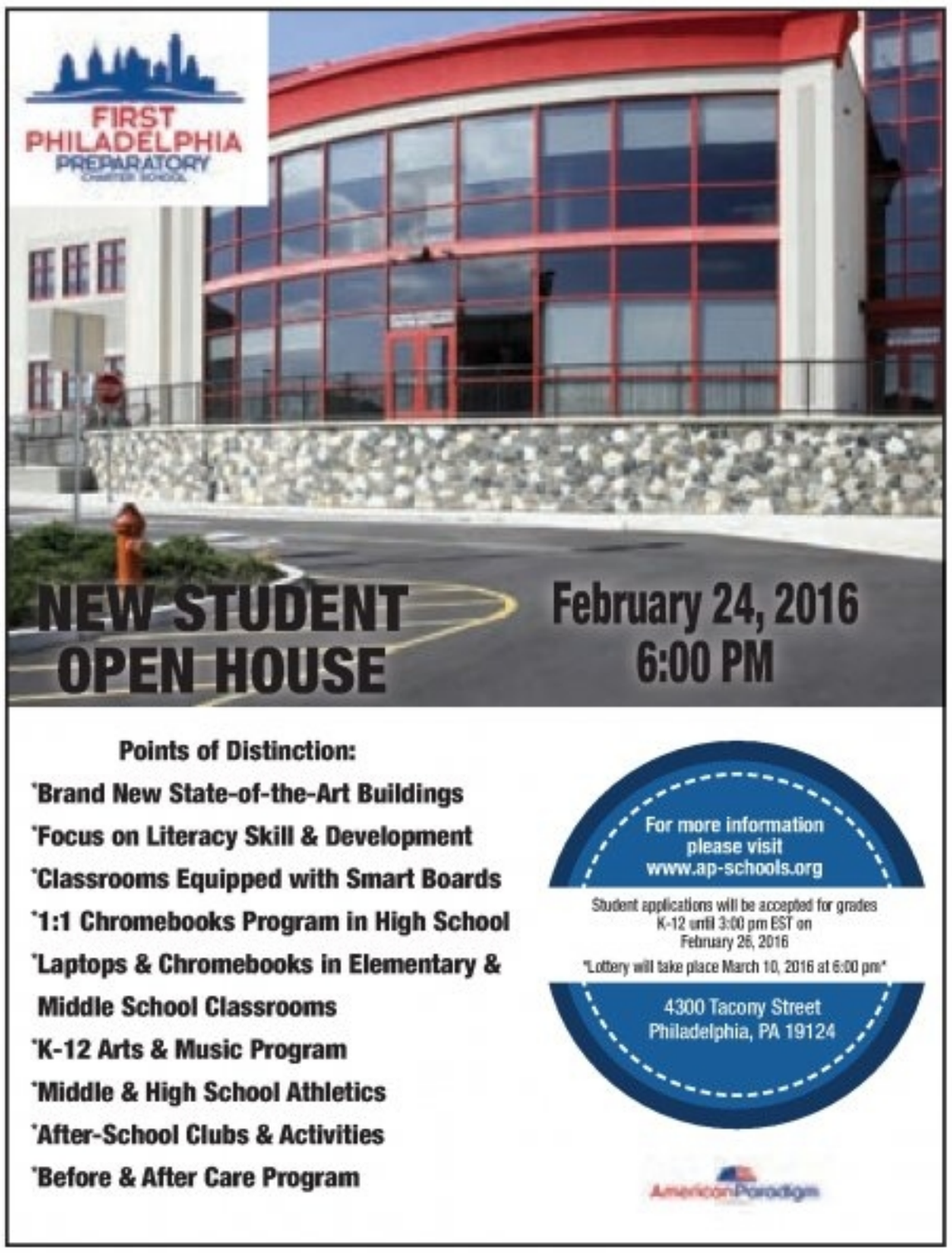
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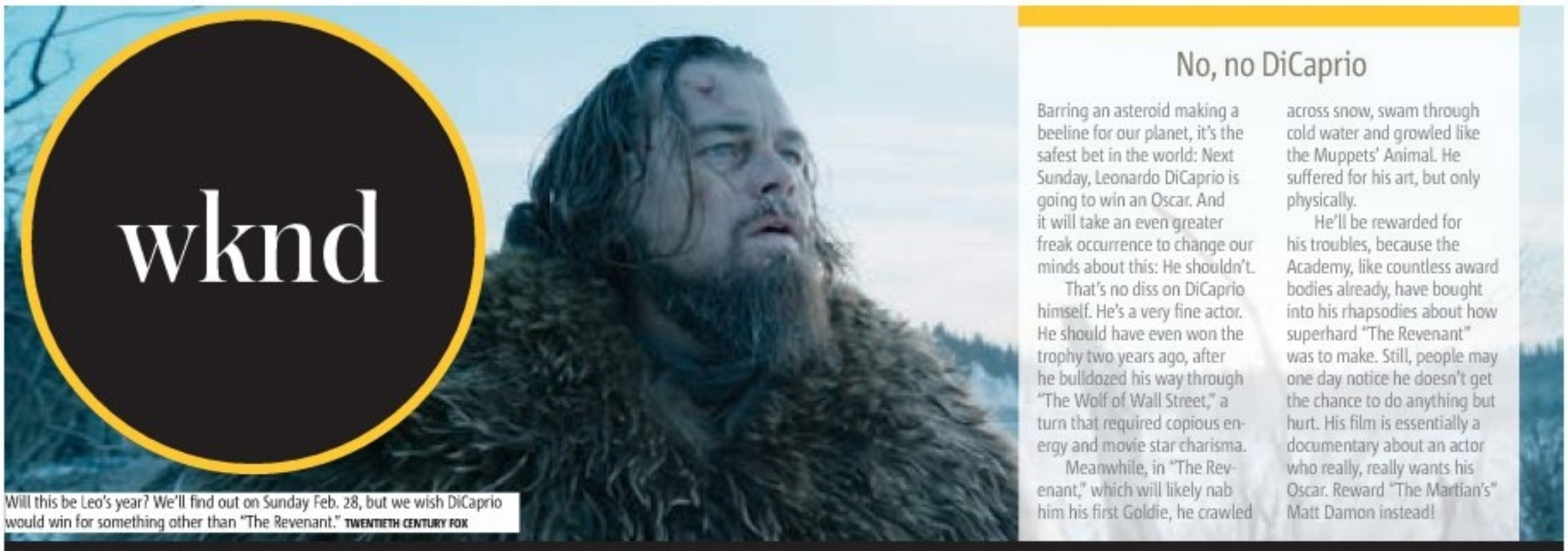

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Will this be Leo's year? We'll find out on Sunday Feb. 28, but we wish DiCaprio would win for something other than "The Revenant." TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

No, no DiCaprio

Barring an asteroid making a beeline for our planet, it's the safest bet in the world: Next Sunday, Leonardo DiCaprio is going to win an Oscar. And it will take an even greater freak occurrence to change our minds about this: He shouldn't.

That's no diss on DiCaprio himself. He's a very fine actor. He should have even won the trophy two years ago, after he bulldozed his way through "The Wolf of Wall Street," a turn that required copious energy and movie star charisma.

Meanwhile, in "The Revenant," which will likely nab him his first Goldie, he crawled across snow, swam through cold water and growled like the Muppets' Animal. He suffered for his art, but only physically.

He'll be rewarded for his troubles, because the Academy, like countless award bodies already, have bought into his rhapsodies about how superhard "The Revenant" was to make. Still, people may one day notice he doesn't get the chance to do anything but hurt. His film is essentially a documentary about an actor who really, really wants his Oscar. Reward "The Martian's" Matt Damon instead!

THE FUN STARTS HERE

Leo shouldn't win, and other Oscar thoughts

From the DiCaprio problem to #OscarsSoWhite, there are a lot of big deals in this year's Academy Awards race. MATT PRIGGE

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After the second year in a row in which all the actor nominees were blindingly white, there was finally a concerted effort to shame Oscar voters. It's working too, with the Academy pledging to increase diversity among its ranks, and a national conversation happening about creating movies that better reflect today's America. Even ignoring that, "Creed" is obviously a better Oscar gobbler than "The Revenant": a crowd-pleaser that

Both these "Creed" guys should have been nominated — and win. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

was also respectable. Instead, the only nom it got was for the white guy (who still deserved it).

THE CASE OF 'SANJAY'S SUPER TEAM'

Not all categories are lily-white. Tucked all the way at the bottom of your Oscar ballot is the one for Best Animated Short, whose roster includes "Sanjay's Super Team." The latest Pixar mini (which played before "The Good Dinosaur"), it's explicitly about the melding of cultures. Directed by Sanjay Patel, it shows a young Indian boy trying to bond with his traditionalist father by recasting his Hindu gods as Western-style superheroes. It's

You probably saw "Sanjay's Super Team." It was attached to Pixar's "The Good Dinosaur." PIXAR, DISNEY

fun and it's lovely. But still, Don Hertzfeldt's devastating "World of Tomorrow" should win.

'MAD MAX: FURY ROAD' DESERVES 10 (OR 20, OR 30) NOMINATIONS

Behold "Mad Max: Fury Road's" flamethrower guitar dude. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

One of the great pleasures and very minor annoyances of the Oscar season has been explaining to shocked people that the action movie with a guitar flamethrower deserves the many nominations it received. Genre filmmaking is historically snubbed by the elites, but George Miller's fourquel/semi-reboot plowed into the Oscars with the force of a one-armed Charlize Theron driving her truck through that mindboggle of a sandstorm. We've been puffing up its importance by pointing out it's an angry feminist tract in which women battle their male oppressors. But it isn't just great genre filmmaking; it's great filmmaking. Witness it.

BRIE VS. SAOIRSE

Brie Larson, with Jacob Tremblay, plays a kidnapped woman in "Room." A24

Saoirse Ronan FOX SEARCHLIGHT

As much as we love us some Cate Blanchett in "Carol," it won't be a shame if the Best Actress trophy goes to either "Room's" Brie Larson or "Brooklyn's" Saoirse Ronan. But one nice thing is that the two young actresses haven't descended into a WCW-style rivalry. They've bro'd down, been seen enjoying each other's company and not really caring which one winds up enshrined in Oscars history. Frankly we're just happy people know them, and may now even know how to pronounce "Saoirse." (We're not helping you if you don't.)

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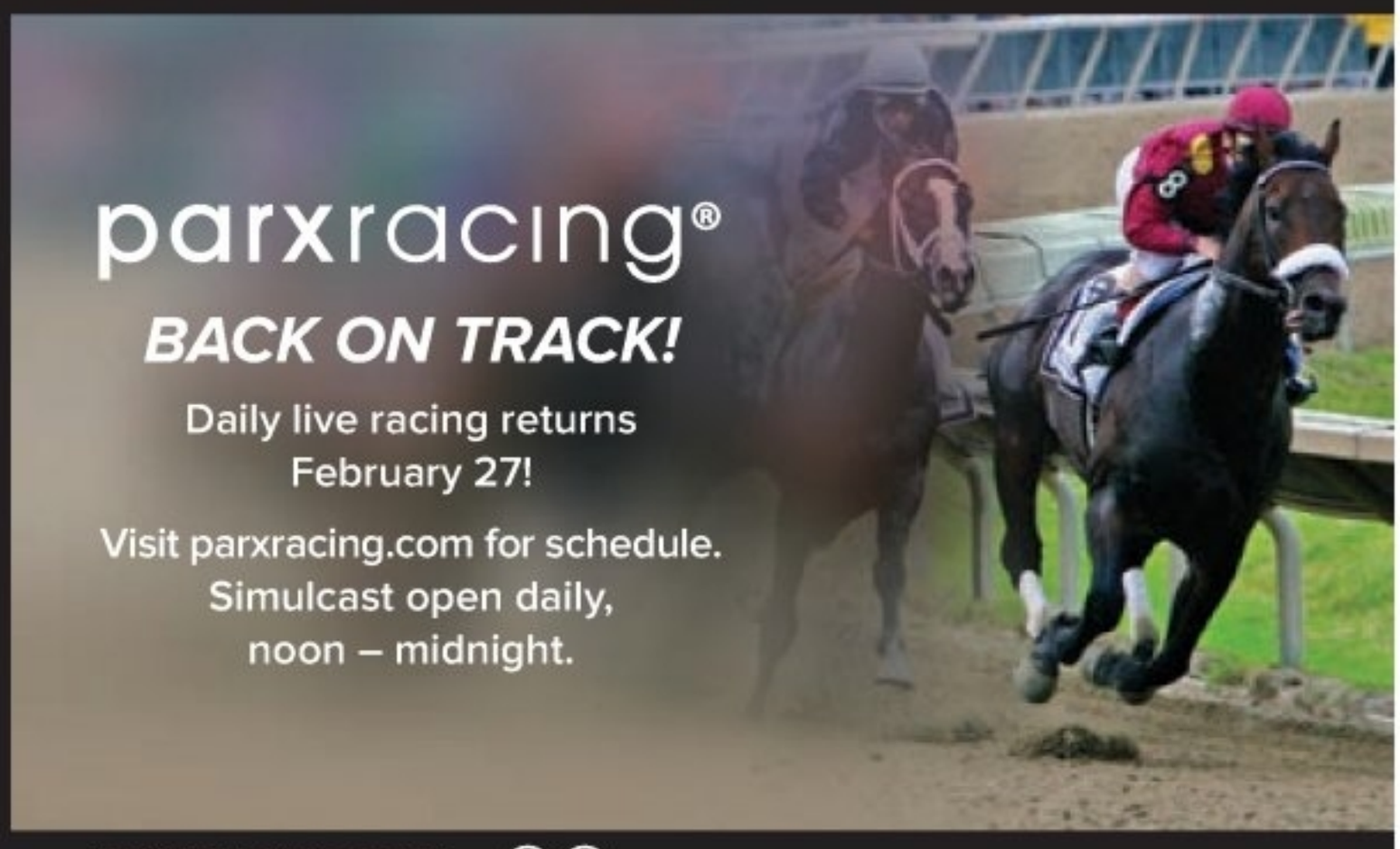

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2 Marinate shrimp
Combine 2 teaspoons chipotle with half of lime juice and half of garlic. Season shrimp with salt and toss with chipotle-lime mixture.

3 Make beans & lime-yogurt
Rinse and drain beans. Combine beans with red wine vinegar, scallions, cilantro, remaining garlic, 1 teaspoon chipotle, 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon salt. Stir together yogurt, lime zest, remaining lime juice and ½ teaspoon salt.

4 Make tostadas
Heat ¼-inch neutral oil (about ¾ cup) in a small skillet over medium-high. Add tortillas one at a time and cook until crisp, about 30 seconds a side.

5 Cook shrimp
Remove all but 2 tablespoons oil from skillet. Add shrimp and cook, stirring, until just cooked through, about 2 minutes.

6 Assemble
Spread lime-yogurt on tostadas and top with black beans, shrimp and remaining cilantro sprigs. Enjoy!

Recipe

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Tostadas—toasted tortillas—are usually deep fried. We cooked ours in a lot less oil, but just enough to get that same golden crispiness. These get topped with adobo-marinated shrimp and a refreshing bean salad. We whipped up a quick lime yogurt to spread on the warm tortillas for a thin layer of creaminess and to help the toppers stick to the crunchy base. Cook, relax and enjoy!

Cooking time: 25 minutes
Attributes: shellfish, medium-spicy
Calories: 765 kcal/person
Allergens: milk, soy

What we send
- 1 oz scallions
- 2 cloves garlic (0.4 oz)
- 1 oz fresh cilantro
- 1 oz chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
- 1 lime (3 oz)
- 12 oz large shrimp (16/20)
- 1 can black beans (15-ounce)
- 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar (0.5 oz)
- 7 oz 2% Greek yogurt
- 6 white corn tortillas (0.9 oz each, we used Guerrero, 5-inch)

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Nostalgia and shine on the runway

TINA CHADHA

Ralph Lauren's Victorian rock 'n' roll

The boldest fashion statement on the Ralph Lauren runway wasn't the menswear-inspired preppy looks in soothing shades of latte (billowing wool pants, cashmere cardigans and elegant blazers) that opened the show, nor was it the rock 'n' roll Victorian second half with giant ruffled collars and striking metallic jacquards, or even the statement-making evening wear (an exquisite black velvet jumpsuit with an open back that could stop traffic, and we wouldn't be surprised if the liquid latex-like gold gown that closed the show ends up on the Oscar red carpet). But what generated the most buzz was the clothes on the man himself. Lauren took his bow in rugged jeans and a tweed blazer with worn-out, ripped-up elbow patches. So chic in its new incarnation that mending would be a sin. Sign us up.

DKNY channels TLC

Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne loosened up the power suits they created for their DKNY debut last season and got gritty. For fall, they showed deconstructed versions of the Wall Street uniform, with cropped pinstriped suit jackets and clownishly baggy pants with suspenders (the boyish, oversized proportions were a nod to '90s girl groups like TLC). Also down the runway: silky slip dresses and shiny puffers that felt ready for a postapocalyptic world. But what do today's ladies want to wear? Our bet is on the nonchalant gray boiled-wool sweatpants and closing series of tough sweatshirts with cheeky takes on DKNY like "Don't Knock New York" and "Designers Know Nothing Yet."

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Anya Taylor-Joy finds the woods really are haunted in the super-mega-hyperbuzzed Sundance hit "The Witch." A24

'The Witch'

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Rating: R

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For a horror number about dirt and grime and hunger and gnarly monsters who can maybe transform into rabbits, "The Witch" is very clean. That is to say: It's a perfectly calibrated (and generally perfect) feature debut from a director who got exactly what he wanted. All one can do is admire it — and of course, occasionally jump and have nerves jangled.

Set amongst America's first Puritans circa 1630, it charts a family banished to the edge of a forest. There, their worst fears about evil prove true: There really is a witch, and she's out for all of them. But even when they're right, they're wrong: Each one turns on the pubescent eldest daughter (Anya Taylor-Joy, in a justly revered breakthrough), suspecting her budding femininity has put her in league with the nasty entity with gross hair.

"The Witch" might be too rarified, too arty to cross over to mainstream audiences. Even in its purpler moments — poison apples being coughed up, the freakiest goat since Sam Raimi's "Drag Me to Hell" — it plays like Ingmar Bergman, only with a mood sick with dread and tension. Taken on its own relatively minimalist grounds, it's perfect — maybe too perfect. It doesn't have the deep riches of other, less airtight films; what you see is what you get. But what you get is pretty great. MATT PRIGGE

Joseph Fiennes' centurion squares off against "Harry Potter" baddie Tom Felton in "Risen." ROSIE COLLINS

'Risen'

Director: Kevin Reynolds
Stars: Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton
Rating: PG-13

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Movies about God are for the godly, but "Risen" pulls off a neat trick: It pretends it's not one of them. That's a lie worthy of Peter himself, but for the first half it's a renegade Jesus movie — so renegade the name "Jesus" is never uttered. He's called Yeshua, and even more impressively he's played by the nonlily-white Cliff Curtis, not someone like the Portuguese model who lorded over "Son of God." But Yeshua's not our hero. It's Joseph Fiennes' Clavius, a cynical centurion destined for a flip-flop.

The film will flip-flop right along with him, but before it does it's a legitimately unique Jesus movie — one that shows all the stuff most Messiah movies ignore. Unusually interested in how A.D. 33 Jerusalem worked (how you take down a cross post-crucifixion, how bad a mass grave smells), it's a detective movie before it becomes a conversion tale, with Clavius exhaustively getting to the bottom of what happened to the body of the maybe-son of God. Once Clavius turns, the move flatlines into a go-nowhere hymn to his newfound faith, only centered on an actor whose reticence looks more like disinterest. When he gets his big close-ups, he looks like making more than a second facial expression is more painful than getting nailed to a cross. MP

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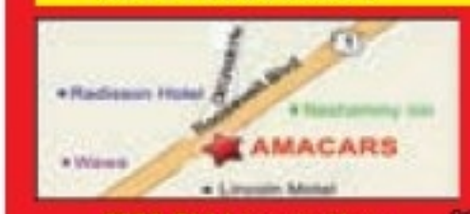

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Luke Kirby and Katie Holmes play people with bipolar disorder who bond over their illness in "Touched with Fire." ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

'Touched with Fire'

Director: Paul Dalio
Stars: Katie Holmes, Luke Kirby
Rating: R

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When it begins, "Touched with Fire" looks like a dreaded actors' showcase — the type where thespians show off their best approximation of mental illness. As Carla, a young poet who was hit with bipolar disorder during her college years, Katie Holmes kicks the movie off in full gesticulating Intense Actor mode. It doesn't take long for the film to calm down, and for Holmes and her co-star Luke Kirby to wind up in service of the story, not themselves. Both their characters wind up locked away in the same institution, where bickering inevitably leads to late-night bonding sessions. Marco convinces her to embrace her illness, pointing to the great artists (Van Gogh, Lord Byron, etc.) whose work came from being manic.

It's quickly clear this isn't a simple message movie about taking your meds. It captures both sides of the disease: the scariness of losing control and the joys of expanding one's consciousness. First-time filmmaker Paul Dalio, trolling his own experiences, tries to hold onto the film as it turns melodramatic in its final stretch. Dalio doesn't quite succeed, but when his film is cooking it asks necessary questions about mental illness while capturing, better than most films, the feeling lovers have when the only thing they want in the world is each other. **MP**

In "The Club," a group of disgraced priests have been sent away to a home in a remote Chilean coastal town. MUSIC BOX FILMS

'The Club'

Director: Pablo Larraín
Stars: Alfredo Castro, Marcelo Alonso
Rating: NR

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The Catholic Church's child abuse scandal is back in the national conversation, and for that we can thank "Spotlight." But the awards favorite is not really about the issue; it's about journalism. The Chilean drama "The Club" is all about the issue. Its "heroes" are four disgraced priests who, rather than be punished for their horrific sins, have been sent away to a house in a remote coastal town. They're forbidden to talk to the locals and have only themselves, and their stern but loving nun-jailkeeper (Antonia Zegers).

Their placid existence is ruined by first the arrival of a grown-up victim (Roberto Farias) who shouts explicit anecdotes of his travails for all to hear, then by a Vatican official (Marcelo Alonso) who may be shutting them down at last. What follows refuses to gift us with comforting lies, instead trying to get at the bottom of what caused these men to do what they did. Shot in ugly but austere video, it often frontloads confessions from the men, who challenge our notion that their problems can be blamed on homosexuality and that they've been turned into good scapegoats. We might think it will end with a pat, reassuring conclusion, only for it to remind us that trauma never goes away, much as we try to trick ourselves that it does. **MP**

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Claudio Sanchez is a Park Slope dad. He calls us from his couch at home in Brooklyn, where son Atlas Hendrix is asleep on his lap. The 37-year-old Coheed and Cambria frontman and his son just returned from a trip to the play gym, with a week to go before the band heads out on the road for their North American tour.

A morning person

A well-documented early morning creative, Sanchez says he's still able to wake before his son, but doesn't often do work around the house anymore. "I can't be loud, so I'll either go to the gym or I'll read," he explains.

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"I like to do work early, but musically, it doesn't work for the apartment. It's a bummer."

Conceptually yours

The band's October release, "The Color Before the Sun," was a step in a new creative direction — breaking from their decade-long dedication to weaving a science-fiction storyline into their last seven albums' narratives. This album was different, breaking from the pattern conceptually and physically, recording at St. Charles Studio in Nashville. The change in pace is an invigorating one for the band.

"The concepts [from past albums] come from a personal place, but I'd utilize the concepts as a mask to hide what those songs were really about," he says. "The record isn't all that different — except [without] the mask."

The tour features the band's longtime pals Glassjaw, I The Mighty and newcomers Silver Snakes, who just signed with Sanchez's Evil Ink Records. "I think [the tour is] really well-rounded, and a lot of cool stuff is going to happen through the night," says Sanchez.

Low maintenance

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Values will shift a lot over the next 60 days as Thursday's NBA trade deadline passes. Certain teams will go into full tank mode and others go into playoff prep mode. The players making a difference in head-to-head fantasy matchups now will give way to guys coming from off the radar. Glaring examples that come to mind include Tobias Harris' second-half eruption in 2013, Kenneth Faried in 2014 and Rudy Gobert last season.

Some candidates to go off in the second half this year:

Rookie no more

The Lakers are in last place, yet coach Byron Scott removed No. 2 overall pick D'Angelo Russell from the starting lineup and played him just 27.1 minutes per game in the first half. That can't last. Scott's insane treatment of Russell — which has included sharp criticism in the media — has to give way to a far bigger role down the stretch. Even Scott has said he expects Russell to rejoin the starting five after the All-Star break. The rookie's per-36 numbers include 16.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 2.0 treys and 1.6 steals.

Carmelo in the gallows

There's plenty of reason to believe Carmelo Anthony will miss a bunch of time down the stretch. The free-falling Knicks are now 23-32, 12th in the Eastern Conference. Melo also continues to battle seemingly chronic issues with the left knee he had surgically repaired 12 months ago. When he sat this year, Langston Galloway has averaged 30.1 minutes while Derrick Williams has filled in well off the bench by averaging 13.4 points per game. Kristaps Porzingis and Arron Afflalo also see major usage bumps whenever Anthony sits.

Free Bobby Portis

If you're not on Twitter, you might not realize there's already a #freebobbyportis movement going on. That's because he has nightly double-double upside if given the opportunity.

Carmelo Anthony will likely get a ton of rest in the second half of the season, opening the door for big Kristaps Porzingis nights. GETTY IMAGES

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Villanova mops the floor with Big 5 basketball competition

During Villanova's last three seasons, campaigns that saw them win Big 5 titles each time, the Wildcats have won every game against their city foes.

There doesn't seem to be much competition anymore, as each of those 12 victories dating back to 2013 have come by a margin of at least 14 points.

Still Jay Wright's squad, the No. 1 team in the country, doesn't overlook Philly foes like La Salle, St. Joe's, UPenn and Temple.

"We are really proud of where we are and any Big 5 game we win," Wright said Wednesday night after a 83-67 Wildcats victory over Temple in North Philly. "Every Big 5 game is totally different.

"We know how special this is to the city."

For the last 38 years at least one team from the Big 5 has made the NCAA Tournament and this year will be no exception, as Nova and fellow

Villanova's Daniel Ochefu GETTY IMAGES

Main Liners St. Joe's have a combined 55-7 record this season (and are both likely shoo-ins). The Owls also have an outside shot boasting three wins over ranked opponents but a less-impressive 16-9 mark.

"There's nothing like playing a road game in the Big 5," Wright said, citing a raucous crowd, the biggest in the history of the Liacouras Center on Wednesday evening. "We play those games early purposefully to prepare us for the Big East. A road game in the Big 5 is as tough as any in the Big East, sometimes tougher. This one we wanted to play at the end of the year to get us prepared for the postseason."

Villanova has exactly five games remaining before the postseason starts, with Butler slated to travel to Philly on Saturday before the Wildcats hit the road to play at Xavier and Marquette next week.

Two home games roundup the regular season in the beginning of next month, on March 1 against DePaul and March 5 against Georgetown.

And don't expect the Cats to be the least bit complacent down the stretch. Wright has a list of things his team needs to improve on (despite being the top team in the nation).

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In the combine as a wideout, Braxton Miller twice surpassed 1,000 yards as a running quarterback with the Buckeyes. GETTY IMAGES

The highly anticipated NFL combine will kick off next week, as prospects begin arriving in Indianapolis on Feb. 23. By then, Eagles fans may know the answer to their biggest question — will Sam Bradford be back? And if the answer is no, all eyes may be quickly shifted to the quarterback position. If so, enjoy. If not, here are five players who have a chance to see their stock affected positively or negatively by the upcoming drills, and who all make some sort of sense for the Eagles to be eyeing come April.

1 Jack Conklin
T, Michigan State

The offensive line was downright awful in 2015, and with Jason Peters' health and future unsure, the team needs a player they can count on opposite Lane Johnson.

Conklin has started his entire career at Michigan State and was an All-American in 2015. He has the frame — 6-foot-6, 325 pounds — to remain at tackle in the NFL and replace Johnson at right tackle when Johnson inevitably moves to the left.

Interestingly, NFL.com compares Conklin to another offensive tackle who played his college ball in the state of Michigan: former Eagles great Jon Runyan. We'd take Runyan 2.0 in a heartbeat.

2 Vadal Alexander
G, LSU

Alexander played tackle this season for LSU after spending the previous two as a starter at guard. He earned first-team All-SEC recognition at that spot. The main knock on Alexander is a lack of athleticism and quick feet, and it keeps many scouts from seeing him as a tackle in the pros. This doesn't necessarily rule the Eagles out — they could sure use a guard. But Alexander's combine will give him the chance to show teams he does have the athleticism necessary to play outside, and would certainly raise his stock. At 6-foot-5, 336 pounds, size isn't an issue.

3 Karl Joseph
S,WVU

Malcolm Jenkins may be the best free agent signing the Eagles have made in quite some time, but the team — and fans — have never filled the void left by Brian Dawkins.

This year, Joseph is one of the top-rated safeties available. The combine will be a great chance to see how Joseph is recovering from a knee injury that put a stop to his senior campaign after five interceptions through four games. In his West Virginia career, Joseph intercepted nine passes and recovered five fumbles, forcing three. As a junior, he was first-team All-Big 12.

4 Laquon Treadwell
WR, Ole Miss

The Eagles have invested heavily in the wide receiver position, so dropping another first round pick on Laquon Treadwell, which is what he will likely warrant, may not be the most popular decision. But despite the first and third round picks spent on Nelson Agholor and Josh Huff, the Eagles have gained just 693 yards from the two of them combined.

Treadwell is the top rated receiver in this year's class, but unlike the past few years, that doesn't guarantee he'll be off the board 10 spots above the Eagles' selection. Treadwell returned from a broken fibula to catch 82 passes for 1,153 yards and 11 touchdowns in his junior season, including three scores in the Sugar Bowl.

The question mark on Treadwell is his deep speed, which means scouts will be paying close attention at the combine.

5 Braxton Miller
WR, Ohio State

Last year, it was deep threat Devon Smith that had Eagles fans eyeing an Ohio State wide receiver. This year it's Braxton Miller, who may be engendering the most draft hype of anyone to finish with 329 receiving yards in their only season playing the position.

Miller is better known at quarterback, where he was twice Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year before a shoulder injury forced him to miss the 2014 season. The emergence of J.T. Barrett and Cardale Jones during that season caused Miller's transition to receiver for his senior year, where he showed an early aptitude for the position.

The combine is another chance for Miller to increase the praise he's been getting from both the regular season and the Senior Bowl. As a natural athlete, he should shine.

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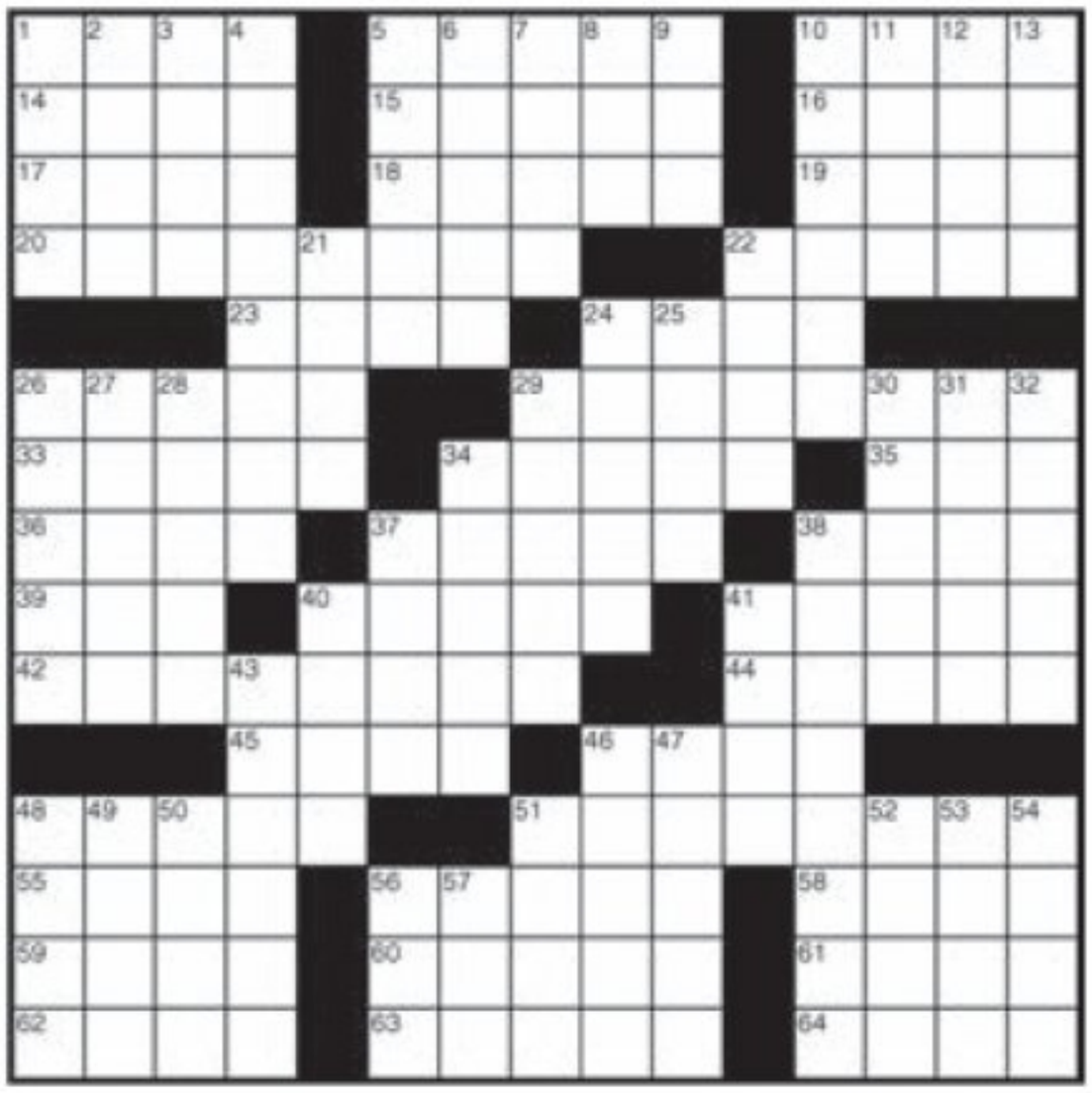

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22 Not chic
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29 In a well-known manner
33 Mrs. Bunker
34 Goldfish
35 Andy Capp's quaff
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42 Auto extras
44 Kudrow and Bonet
45 Honest ones?
46 Europe-Asia range
48 Pueblo people
51 Increasing 300%
55 Camelot lady
56 Ear inserts
58 Disney CEO Bob —
59 Prong
60 Jibe with
61 1899 Gold Rush town
62 Pink-slipped
63 Rents out money
64 Hot rum drink

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1 Bath powder
2 Hairy twin
3 Tirade
4 Point to
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7 Rough shelters
8 Miners dig it
9 Above, in verse
10 "Kubla Khan" setting
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24 Isak's real name
25 Strike callers
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Cancer Emotions will surface. Consider what you can do to maximize your chances of getting others to do things for you. Let your intuition guide you. Refrain from being pushy.

Leo Concentrate on ways to bring about positive change to your financial and domestic situation. A change of environment, scenery or lifestyle will improve your mood.

Virgo Do what you can to help others. Taking on a physical challenge to ensure that someone is spared an impossible task will result in an ally for life. An opportunity awaits you.

Libra Be careful how you react to what others say and do. You are likely to misinterpret what someone is telling you. Don't get wrapped up in emotional situations.

Scorpio Stand up for your beliefs. If someone opposes you, walk away. You are better off accomplishing what you can and allowing others the freedom to do as they please.

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Capricorn If you treat others well, you will be given the opportunity to lead. Do your share in order to make gains. Social activities will lead to new opportunities and connections.

Aquarius Take responsibility and do what has to be done before you move on to more entertaining pastimes. Love and romance will light up the end of your day.

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